

Martha J. Kanter, of California, to be Under Secretary of Education, Jane Oates, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Administration, and Laurie I. Mikva, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Violence Against Women Act, after receiving testimony from Catherine Pierce, Acting Director, Office of Violence Against Women, Department of Justice; Karen Tronsgard-Scott, Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Montpelier; Ann Burke, Lindsay Ann Burke Memorial Fund, Saunderstown, Rhode Island; Collene Campbell, former Mayor, San Juan Capistrano, California, on behalf of Force 100; Sally Wolfgang Wells, Office of the Maricopa County Attorney, Phoenix, Arizona; and Gabrielle Union, Beverly Hills, California.

NOMINATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

VA CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs' construction process, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Orndoff, Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; David Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Kansas City, Missouri; and J. David Cox, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 2784–2816; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 525–528 were introduced. **Pages H6537–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6538–39**

Report Filed: A report was filed on June 9, 2009 as follows:

H. Res. 484, expressing support for designation of June 10th as “National Pipeline Safety Day” (H. Rept. 111–144, Pt. 1). **Page H6537**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson (IL) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H6417**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, June 9th:

Recognizing the significant accomplishments of the AmeriCorps: H. Res. 453, to recognize the significant accomplishments of the AmeriCorps and to encourage all citizens to join in a national effort to salute AmeriCorps members and alumni, and raise awareness about the importance of national and community service, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 359 yeas to 60 nays, Roll No. 318 and **Page H6429**

Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: H. Res. 454, to recognize the 25th anniversary of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 319. **Page H6430**

Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011: The House passed H.R. 2410, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 and to modernize the Foreign Service, by a recorded vote of 235 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 328. **Pages H6421–29, H6430–H6518**

Rejected the Burton motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Foreign Affairs with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 174 yeas to 250 nays, Roll No. 327. **Pages H6514–17**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Foreign Affairs now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule. **Page H6442**

Agreed by unanimous consent that the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting under clause 8 or 9 of rule twenty or under clause 6 of rule eighteen. **Page H6430**

Agreed to:

Polis amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that broadens the experience within the Foreign Service and encourages Foreign Service officers to pursue a functional specialty by making it mandatory to develop a functional focus during an officer's first two years as well as creating a more diverse promotions panel where functional and regional specialists are evenly distributed. It requires the State Department to make materials from libraries and resource centers, including U.S. films available over the Internet when possible and for the advisory commission on public diplomacy to gauge the effectiveness of online outreach authorized under section 214; **Pages H6484–85**

Hunter amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that includes the Secretary of Defense as a member of the Task Force on the Prevention of Illicit Small Arms Trafficking in the Western Hemisphere; **Pages H6485–86**

Nadler amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should continue working with the states of the former Soviet Union to see that immigrants from these states who now live in the United States are paid the pensions they are owed by these states; **Pages H6486–87**

Sessions amendment (No. 8 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that expresses the sense of Congress that Israel has the right to defend itself from an imminent nuclear or military threat from Iran and other countries and organizations; **Pages H6490–92**

Davis (CA) amendment (No. 9 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that requires the Inspectors General of the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the United States Agency for International Development, and the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction to modify their auditing and assessment protocols for Afghanistan to include the impact U.S. development assistance has on the social, economic, and political empowerment of Afghan women as part of their auditing and reporting requirements; **Pages H6492–93**

Holt amendment (No. 11 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that directs the Secretary of State to report within 60 days of enactment on changes in treaty and U.S. laws that could help improve compliance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction; **Pages H6494–95**

Bishop (NY) amendment (No. 13 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that requires a GAO study of the effects of USAID's use of waivers under the Buy America Act for HIV test kits on 1) United States-based manufacturers and 2) availability of and

access to HIV testing for at-risk populations in low-income countries; **Pages H6496–97**

Moore (WI) amendment (No. 14 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that makes clear that passage of laws in Afghanistan that restrict or repress human rights, including the rights of women, undermines the support and goodwill shown by the international community and the U.S. through the considerable financial aid that has been provided to help rebuild Afghanistan and may make it harder to generate public support for those seeking to provide such support in the future; **Pages H6497–98**

Meeks (NY) amendment (No. 16 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that requires the Secretary of State to report to Congress on bilateral efforts to promote equality and eliminate racial discrimination in the Western Hemisphere; **Pages H6500–01**

Kirkpatrick (AZ) amendment (No. 18 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that adds to the monitoring and evaluation system established in the bill a requirement to look at the illegal southbound flow of cash; **Pages H6501–02**

Lynch amendment (No. 20 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that directs the State Department to submit to Congress a report on the 1059 and 1244 Special Immigrant Visa Programs for certain Iraqis and Afghanis who work for, or on behalf of, the U.S. Government; **Pages H6502–03**

Berman amendment (No. 21 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that requires the Department of State to conduct a cost-benefit analysis in conjunction with all appropriate Federal departments and agencies on how to best use American funds to reduce smuggling and trafficking in persons; **Pages H6503–04**

Peters amendment (No. 22 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that provides that the Secretary of State shall report to Congress on the flow of people, goods, and services across the international borders shared by the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean region; **Pages H6504–05**

Berman amendment (No. 23 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that creates the Global Clean Energy Exchange Program, a program to strengthen research, educational exchange, and international cooperation with the aim of promoting the development and deployment of clean and efficient energy technologies; **Pages H6505–06**

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 24 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that establishes and provides financial assistance for exchange programs between Afghanistan and the United States for women legislators; **Page H6506**

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 25 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that expresses the sense of Congress that the use of child

soldiers is unacceptable and is a violation of human rights and the prevention and elimination of child soldiers should be a foreign policy goal of the United States; **Pages H6506–07**

Poe (TX) amendment (No. 26 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that makes it a two year requirement for the President to report total U.S. cash and in-kind contributions to the entire United Nations system each fiscal year by every U.S. agency or department; **Pages H6507–08**

Castle amendment (No. 27 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that requires reports to Congress every 90 days listing the countries that refuse or unreasonably delay accepting nationals of such countries who are under final orders of removal from the United States. Empowers the Secretary of State to suspend diplomatic visa issuances to any country that continues to deny or unreasonably delay repatriation; **Pages H6508–09**

Matheson amendment (No. 17 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that provides that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Director of the Census Bureau, will conduct a feasibility study and issue a report to Congress on whether there can be implemented a method for using the passports of U.S. citizens living overseas to facilitate voting in U.S. elections and for being counted in the U.S. Census; **Page H6509**

Berman manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that (1) makes a number of minor, technical and conforming changes, including changes to address concerns of other Committees that have jurisdiction over certain provisions of H.R. 2410 and making changes to certain authorizations; (2) adds the relevant text from H.R. 2828, 110th Congress, as passed by the House, relating to compensation of Foreign Service victims of terrorism; (3) adds a provision relating to streamlining export controls to better serve the scientific and research community, consistent with the protection of U.S. national security interests; (4) adds a provision on monitoring and evaluating certain provision U.S. overseas activities; (5) adds a provision to improve the stabilization and reconstruction activities of the Department of State; (6) adds a provision on implementation of an international nuclear fuel bank; (7) adds a provision relating to the development of a food security strategy; (8) adds certain other sense of Congress provisions; and (9) adds a new subsection to section 334 providing that nothing in that section shall be construed as affecting existing statutory prohibitions relating to abortion (by a recorded vote of 257 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 320); **Pages H6477–83, H6509–10**

McCaul amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that directs the President to de-

velop and transmit to the appropriate congressional committees a comprehensive interagency strategy and implementation plan to address the ongoing crisis in Sudan. This includes a description of how the United States assistance will be used to achieve a U.S. policy towards Sudan, financial plan, management of U.S. foreign assistance, and criteria used to determine their prioritization (by a recorded vote of 429 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 322); **Pages H6487–89, H6511**

Larsen (WA) amendment (No. 7 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that provides that the policy of the United States, with respect to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, shall be to prevent any weakening of, and ensure robust compliance with and enforcement of, existing international legal requirements for the protection of intellectual property rights, related to energy or environmental technologies (by a recorded vote of 432 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 323); and **Pages H6489–90, H6511–12**

Kirk amendment (No. 19 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that allows the Secretary of State, at her discretion, to make payments from the Rewards for Justice program to officers or employees of foreign governments who provide information leading to the capture of exceptional and high-profile terrorists (by a recorded vote of 428 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 326). **Pages H6502, H6513–14**

Rejected:

Brown-Waite (FL) amendment (No. 12 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that sought to strike section 303, establishment of the Lessons Learned Center; **Pages H6495–96**

Ros-Lehtinen amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that requires the Secretary of State to withhold from the U.S. contribution to the International Atomic Energy Agency an amount equal to nuclear technical cooperation provided by the IAEA in 2007 to Iran, Syria, Sudan and Cuba (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 321); **Pages H6483–84, H6510–11**

Brown-Waite (FL) amendment (No. 10 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that sought to strike Sec. 505, domestic release of the Voice of America film entitled “A Fateful Harvest” (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 324); and **Pages H6493–94, H6512–13**

Royce amendment (No. 15 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–143) that sought to express the sense of Congress that Eritrea's support for armed insurgents in Somalia poses a direct threat to the national security interests of the United States, that the Secretary of State should designate Eritrea a State Sponsor of Terrorism, and that the United Nations Security Council should impose sanctions against Eritrea

(by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 325). **Pages H6498–H6500, H6513**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H6518**

H. Res. 522, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1886 and H.R. 2410), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 317, after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H6428–29**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the explosion at the ConAgra plant in Garner, North Carolina on June 9, 2009. **Page H6518**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victim of the shooting at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on June 10, 2009. **Pages H6518–19**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6429.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6428–29, H6429, H6430, H6509–10, H6510–11, H6511, H6511–12, H6512–13, H6513, H6513–14, H6517 and H6517–18. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OPERATED BY THE USDA

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Biotechnology, Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review rural development programs operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Dallas P. Tonsager, Under Secretary, Rural Development; and Phyllis Fong, Office of the Inspector General; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2010.

EXAMINING THE SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE OPTION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Examining the Single Payer Health Care

Option. Testimony was heard from Representative Conyers; and public witnesses.

RESOLUTIONS OF INQUIRY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported with no recommendation to the House the following: H. Res. 449, Of inquiry requesting the President to provide certain documents in his possession to the House of Representatives relating to the Environmental Protection Agency's April proposed finding that greenhouse gas emissions are a danger to public health and welfare; and H. Res. 462, Requesting that the President transmit to the House of Representatives all information in his possession relating to specific communications with Chrysler LLC ("Chrysler").

FOOD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2749, Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009.

UIGHURS: HISTORY OF PERSECUTION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a hearing on the Uighurs: A History of Persecution. Testimony was heard from Felice D. Gaer, Chair, U.S. Commission of International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CRISIS—FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a hearing on Foreign Policy Implications of U.S. Efforts to Address the International Financial Crisis: TARP, TALF and the G–20 Plan. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "The FY 2010 Budget for the National Protection and Programs Directorate and the Transportation Security Administration." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Philip R. Reiting, Deputy Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate; and Gale D. Rossides, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1196, To authorize the